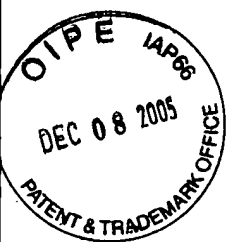


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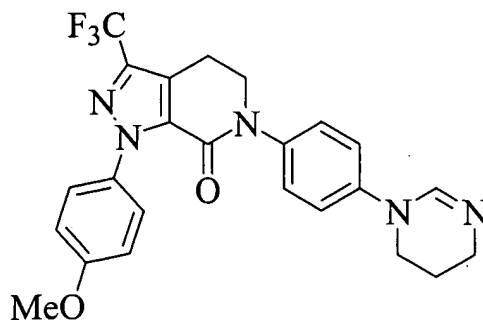
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 18, 2005, Applicants elect Group I and the species of Example 3 (6-[4-(5,6-Dihydro-4H-pyrimidin-1-yl)-phenyl]-1-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-3-trifluoromethyl-1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[3,4-c]pyridin-7-one), for examination purposes only. Claims 1-8 and 17-21 are readable on the elected species.



Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.